

PROHIBITION CONFERENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY

Governors of Sixteen States Are to Discuss Enforcement Plans With President Harding—Believe Another Conference Will be Necessary After January 1, As Many Present Governors Will Be Out of Office Then—Statements by Counsel for the Anti-Saloon League and the Executive Head of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment.

Washington, Dec. 17.—President Harding's conference with governors on prohibition enforcement will take place tomorrow at the White House. Sixteen state executives will attend.

The original plan of the president contemplated a meeting of governors here in the afternoon. But because of the problems but the proximity of a large group of them is attendance at the meeting impossible. Sixteen conference last week was one of the reasons for the change.

In administration circles it is believed, however, that another conference will be held in the near future. At that time the present governors will be out of office then.

President Harding it was said, thought it was probable to obtain the views of those who have dealt with prohibition during the past few years.

Those who expect to attend are Governors: Nathan C. Aldrich, New Hampshire; Charles E. Dwyer, Kansas; Denney, Delaware; Ritchie, Maryland; Kilby, Alabama; Hyde, Missouri; Davis, Idaho; Campbell, Arizona; Nelson, Nevada; Clegg, New York; McCray, Indiana; Cox, Massachusetts;

Olliott, Oregon; Hartness, Vermont; Baxter, Maine; and Deuss, Minnesota.

Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the president, is expected to be in attendance, executive head of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, is expected to make a statement today commending the calling of the conference. He is expected to say: "The United States must choose lawlessness or be engulfed by it," and "The president's declaration in his last message to congress that crime is running amuck in this country."

Wheeler is expected to say that prohibition enforcement is most opportune. Mr. Wheeler's statement said. Before the adoption of the constitution, he said, prohibition was "one of the most of the states had their individual prohibition laws, which were duly enforced without scandal."

"The crime and disrespect to the law was not known at that time," Mr. Stanton said, adding that he hoped the present conference would have the effect of "pointing to the inevitable necessity of the plan of our organization of turning the entire matter of enforcement back to the governors and the states, and that belongs."

INCREASE IN SUSPENSIONS OF AUTO DRIVERS' LICENSES	\$250,000 FIRE DAMAGE IN BUSINESS SECTION OF BANGOR
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more than 40 percent in the number of suspensions of automobile drivers' licenses in Connecticut for 11 months of this year over the total number of 1931 was announced in a report of the motor

day. The licenses of 1,599 persons were suspended for various offenses thus far this year while 1,184 licenses were suspended last year. The exact increase in the number of licenses issued was not

The chief cause of suspension was the operation of an automobile without a license to drive, which caused 417 persons to forfeit the right to drive a motor vehicle in the state for various pe-

The decrease in the number of automobile fatalities this year resulted in a

corresponding decrease in superintendents for this cause, although the complete report for the year may change the total. As against 176 suspensions for fatal accidents in 1921, there were 162 for the 11 months of this year. There were

CONVOYING MERCHANT VESSELS.—
Pernambuco, Brazil, Dec. 17. — The
captain and passengers of the British
steamer Almazora, which arrived here

**TROUBLE FOR MASSACHUSETTS
HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE**

mates of Massachusetts hospitals for the insane will have their cases investigated as a result of the recent ruling of the supreme court in the case of Dorothy Gordon, that an insane person may

The court ruled Friday that Miss Gordon, heiress to \$400,000, for whose guardianship a legal contest is being waged was illegally committed to the McLean hospital for the insane at Waverly be-

Dr. Lowell Wentworth, deputy commissioner of diseases, said yesterday that Judge Braley's ruling as it applied to patients in hospitals under state

control would be considered tomorrow. According to authorities most of the "voluntary" patients are now insane although they may not have been when they were admitted. Each case will be considered individually, it was said.

**INCREASE IN WHOLESALE
AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES**
Washington, Dec. 17.—Both retail and

cent. or more during November, according to figures made public today by the department of labor. Notwithstanding the increase, the department said there was a decrease of five per cent. for the

The Americans will install a power electric plant and their chief photographer, Burton, will take the pictures.

The trend of wholesale prices of commodities, such as farm products, textiles, metals, building material, chemicals and house furnishing goods was upward during November to the extent of 1 1-2

per cent. Farm products also saw some year with an increase of 18 1-4 per cent. Chemicals alone were cheaper in November of this year as compared with the same month last year.

**SALVATION ARMY SERVICE
FOR LATE JOHN WANAMAKER**

New York, Dec. 17.—Memorial services for the late John Wanamaker of Philadelphia will be held at the Central Post Office building, 100 Broadway, at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. Wanamaker, who died at his home, 100 Broadway, on Dec. 15, at the age of 71, was a member of the Salvation Army and had been in the service of the army for many years. He was a member of the Central Post Office building, 100 Broadway, at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

temple, national headquarters of the Salvation army. - Colonel Walter Jenkins, national secretary of the organization, read a tribute from McCommander Evangeline Booth who characterized Mr. Wan-

Speakers told of the friendship of Mr. Wanamaker for General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, and of the en-

here. The advance was allowed cause of the increased cost of labor. Total decreases of twenty per cent. had been made in 1920-1921.

Jerusalem, Dec. 17 (Jewish Telegraph Agency).—Eliezer Ben-Yahuda, a world famous Hebrew author, died here yesterday. His sudden death came before he had completed what was to have

It was chiefly due to his efforts that Hebrew became the living language in Palestine. His funeral today at noon

...the 150000 ever seen in Palestine. ceremonies.